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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday Oct. 4th, 2007 - 7 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM - Door Prizes

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Central Louisiana ARC Hamfest - Oct. 13
Monroe Hamfest - November 10th

Each Wednesday

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery
Check 146.820 - repeater for info

Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5
YL/XYL / Filly Net 146.820 - 600

1st & 3rd Friday, 1:00 p.m

HEAL Net 146.820 - 600

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello dear friends, long time no see!

Just recovered from a bad case of bronchitis and finally I can say that I feel well again!

We just had the board meeting at my QTH today, Saturday, September 29th and plenty issues were discussed and approved. We will be bringing these up for your approval at the next meeting, where I hope to see you all. Our meeting is on Thursday, October 4th. Do try to be there!

Until then, take care.

YOUR PREZ—STRATOS KE5I

Louisiana ARRL Section PIO Officer

Virginia Bryant KE5DJA of Leesville, Louisiana is now the Public Information Officer for the Louisiana Section. She is involved in keeping the ARRL Headquarters informed on all the events involved with all the clubs in the state along with keeping us informed with what is going on with the ARRL.

Each month a report is sent to the ARRL, the Louisiana Section Manager, and to all LA Clubs. The report is too long to print in the LARC, but I am sure if you would like a copy via e-mail, she would probably oblige by sending you one if you request one.

Virginia sent a report about the HEAL net to the ARRL and they are very impressed with what the Acadiana area is doing with the medical facilities and are planning on getting a similar operation going on in Connecticut.

Virginia has already made a couple of trips to the ARRL Headquarters. Her first visit was the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Diamond Terrace on July 19, 2007 where she met some of ARRL officers.



Ham Radio Courses at the CMA

The Children's Museum of Acadiana houses a secret—one of the finest ham radio stations in Acadiana. This fall the CMA will offer two programs in Ham Radio instruction for students age 10 - 18. The courses, held at the CMA in its ham radio station, will be taught by licensed amateur radio operators from the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association (AARA).

The Radio Merit Badge course, which must be scheduled by request, will provide Boy Scouts with the opportunity to earn a Radio Merit Badge by attending four 1-1/2- to 2-hour classes in which they will master radio technology theory. Boy Scout leaders may call the CMA at 232-8500 to schedule a series of Saturday or after-school classes for their patrols or troops. The cost for this CMA course is \$7.50. In addition, Scouts will need to purchase their Radio Merit Pamphlet from the Scout office

A six-week ham radio licensing course, beginning Thursday, October 11, 6:00- 8:00 p.m., and continuing each Thursday through November 15, offers individuals age 10 and older instruction and practice designed to enable them to earn a Technician-level license in ham radio. The instructors welcome parents and children to enroll in the course and earn their technician's license together. In addition to the \$5.00 course fee, students will need to purchase a \$25.00 manual and pay a \$14.00 fee for testing and license.

The CMA ham radio station is fully equipped not only for ham radio instruction, but to make contacts with amateur radio operators all over the world and beyond. In fact the AARA is making arrangements to contact the International Space Station via ham radio. Such communication must be scheduled as much as two years in advance. Watch for future announcements from the CMA regarding this exciting event. In the meantime, start thinking of the questions you would like to ask an astronaut in space.

Contact: Deborah Norsworthy, Director
Public Relations
Children's Museum of Acadiana
201 E. Congress, Lafayette, LA 70501
232-8500 (museum); 337-326-8234 (cell)
publiccma@bellsouth.net

A copy of the flyer to be handed out for this training can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

HEAL NET

Be sure to check in on the HEAL NET every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 1:00 PM local time on the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette. We will be having a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on Saturday morning October 27th. We need your support.

September HEAL Net Report

DATE:	Medical Personnel	Guest	Medical Facilities	Time / Traffic
9/07/07	15	7	9	31 min/1
9/21/07	3	5	3	12 min/1



September VE Test Session Results

Four persons tested at the September meeting. Three passed and one failed.

Helen M. Bergeron and Ronald W. Frentz passed the Technician test. (Ronald was a student at one of our classes at the hospital)

Andrew A. Fontenot KE5OGA upgraded to General

The following VE's helped with the testing:

Charlie Morrison KI5XP
Scottie Menard N5MEG
Danny Griffith K5ARH

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Danny K5ARH

Upcoming AARA Events for 2007

October

Jamboree on the Air
October 19-21, 2007
Simulated Emergency Test (SET)
October 27, 2007

November

Cajun Cup Run
November 3, 2007
Scott, Louisiana Centennial
November 10 & 11, 2007

December

Cajun Cup Half Marathon

We will probably doing some more Special Events such as the SkyWarn Recognition Day, the Salvation Army Recognition Day, and probably some other events that I am not aware of at this time. The dates and times will be posted in future issues of the LARC.

These events will need some volunteers to help make them a success. Do your part by volunteering and having some of the fun of getting on the air.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

At the September AARA General Meeting, I was very much surprised at a "Special Presentation" by Larry Leblanc KE5KJD with a really nice pen for my many years (seven or so) as Net Control Station for the Monday Night AARA 2 Meter Net. The pen is laser engraved with "**KN5GRK-Net Controller**". I think this is one of the highest honors I have ever received.



Larry also had a certificate to go with the pen that read:

KN5GRK

(Herman Campbell)

On behalf of the members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association and those hams that drop in to the Monday Night AARA Net, we would like to present Herman Campbell, KN5GRK, this token of our appreciation for his years of service to us as net control.

This pen was custom made for Herman. Its point is sharp to match his Wit. The body is made of Olive Wood from Bethlehem, which wraps it as he is wrapped in his faith. It is only engraved with "KN5GRK-Net Controller" because every job he does to his best and there was no room for all the projects he assists and the engraver charges by the word. We wish the best for Herman as he continues his Ham career.

ABOUT THE PEN

The pen is handmade from Olive Wood from Bethlehem in the Holy Land. It was hand turned on a lathe. This is one of many materials (wood, deer antlers, buffalo horn, plastic, bowling ball, etc.) from around the world used to make these pens. The pen mechanism includes a 22-karat gold alloy plating. The refill is a Cross® style with premium Swiss-made carbide writing tip for smooth consistent writing.

The pen was made by Danny P. Comb of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. If you would like more information, please contact me.

I would like to thank Larry and his wife Sandy KE5KJF for I suspect that they both had a big part in bestowing this honor upon me. I will cherish it forever and promise that it will be well taken care of. It's not for writing, it's for looking! Thanks guys.

Herman KN5GRK

CLARC HAMFEST

2007

Sponsored by: Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club

Saturday—October 13th

8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Location: Kees Park, Hwy 28 East, Pineville, LA

Admission : Free

1 (ONE) FREE flea market table, extra tables \$5.00 each, first come, first served.

Talk-in: 147.330+ PL 173.8

Main Distributor:

Houston Amateur Radio Supply

Commercial Dealers:

Palmetto Antennas

B Square Engineering

Flea Markets—& More

W5YI/VE Testing: 9:30 AM

ARRL Forum: 11:00 AM

ARES Forum: 12:00 Noon

Main Prizes:

1st Prize: Yaesu 897D HF

2nd Prize: Yaesu Ft-8800R Mobile

3rd Prize: Yaesu FT-60R HT

Main Prize Tickets: \$1.00 each for above drawings. (Do not need to be present for Main Prizes).

Special Door Prize Drawings:

1st Special Prize: \$500.00 cash

2nd Special Prize: 6.2 KW Continuous Duty Briggs & Stratton Power Generator w/Wheel Kit

Special Door Prize Tickets: \$1.00 each for above drawings. (Do not need to be present for Special Door Prizes).

Hourly Door Prize tickets: \$1.00 each—must be present to win.

Breakfast and Lunch served at Reasonable Prices

For more information contact:

Jim Bookter N5NVP (President)

337-208-5563

n5nvp@arrl.net

50th Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

The JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contacts with each other by means of amateur radio. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting.



The 50th JOTA theme:

"AROUND THE WORLD IN 50 HOURS".

This years JOTA will have a theme; in 50 hours we will travel around the globe. Fifty hours? Yes, 50 hours, not just 48. This golden-jubilee JOTA is 2

hours longer: the 50th JOTA will run from 19 October 22:00 h local time to 21 October 24:00 h local time.

In the United States, Cub Scout dens and Boy Scout patrols visit a local amateur's ham shack or club station during JOTA. Many districts and councils hold events that coincide with JOTA, where amateurs set up stations giving Scouts and leaders a chance to exchange greetings with Scouts from other areas.

The exchanges typically include information such as: Name, Location (QTH), Scout rank, Hobbies, and their age. Some of these exchanges lead to long lasting friendships and the exchange of photos, badges, pins, and patches.

The Children's Museum of Acadiana will be using their amateur radio station K5CMA for this event. Check with Nick Pugh K5QXJ, Chairperson, if you would like to help out at the museum.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.scout.org/JOTA/>

October Special Events & Contests

Oct. 6	W4O—Annual Oliver Hardy Birthplace Festival—Evans, GA
Oct. 6	W4POX—40th Anniversary of Portsmouth Lightship Museum
Oct. 6	PSK Rumble Contest—Sponsored by Troy ARC—All bands
Oct. 6 & 7	Pro CW Contest—7 MHz
Oct. 6—14	National Wildlife Refuge Week—Numerous stations on the air
Oct. 13	FISTS Fall Sprint—CW 80 thru 10 meters
Oct. 13 & 14	Worked all Britain Contest—Phone 20-10 meters
Oct. 14	North American RTTY Sprint—80 thru 20 meters
Oct. 14	Oceania DX Contest
Oct. 10	10-10 Day Sprint—10 meters only—all modes
Oct. 13	K9K—The American Farm Heritage Museum—Outhouse Festival
Oct. 20	NC4AR—Annual NASCAR Day Festival
Oct. 20	NI6IW—First launch and recovery aircraft on USS Langley CV-1
Oct. 21	070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint—PSK31
Oct. 27 & 28	CQ World Wide DX Contest—SSB 160 thru 10 meters
Oct. 27 & 28	ARRL International EME Contest
Oct. 28	K2A—Sandy Hook National Recreation Area, NJ.—Fort Hancock Establishment Day—Ham Radio at the Lighthouse

These are just a few of the Special Events & Contests
Check QST or ARRL Website for details and QSL information.



10/1	CHERYL	KE5IBM
10/1	JAY	KC5BYD
10/4	GREG	K5LFT
10/5	WATERMAN	KE5LCH
10/6	SHANNON	KE5CKT
10/10	HERMAN	KN5GRK
10/14	JUSTIN	KE5LCC
10/20	DOUG	KE4GQE
10/20	KERMIT	AE5AJ
10/20	DANE	KE5HSX
10/23	ROLLAND	NO CALL
10/27	DAGMAR	KE5CGN
10/27	LARRY	KE5KJD
11/5	ROBERT	KE5LBQ



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some may not be on the list.

Amateur Radio Awareness Day Event Report

By: Linda Breaux KE5HSY

Saturday September 8, 2007 was Amateur Radio Awareness Day for the AARA.

This year the annual event was held in Rayne, LA at the Winn-Dixie parking lot. This was also the weekend of the Rayne Frog Festival.

A number of people stopped by to check out our AMOS van and the hand-out table. A number had questions about our hobby and said they were interested.

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**Children's Museum of Acadiana
and
Acadiana Amateur Radio Association
Present**

Two Amateur Ham Radio Courses

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Awareness Day
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Thanks to all the hams from the AARA that helped out with this event. Some were able to stay all day long, and others for a short time only, but all were appreciated.

Here are a few photos from this event.



AMOS van and 5 kw Onan Generator



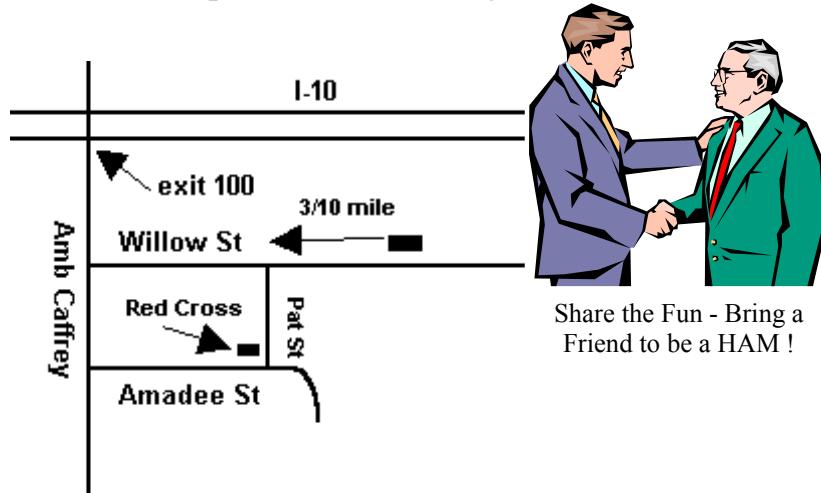
Hand-out table and Sign-in Book



Larry KE5KJD and Roger W5QEP
operating inside the van

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AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday October 4th, 2007—7:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

**7:00 PM - VE TESTING @ 6:00 PM - DOOR PRIZES
REFRESHMENTS**

**COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE**

Warm Spinach Dip

(from the month of October — Teche Federal Bank Calendar)

1/4 cup butter
1 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped red pepper
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh garlic
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup whipping cream

1/2 cup feta cheese with garlic and herbs*
1/4 cup plain yogurt
1 (10 ounce) package fresh spinach leaves, stems removed, cut into thin strips
1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
salt
pepper
Party rye cocktail bread slices

**Substitute 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese*

Melt butter in 10 inch skillet until sizzling; add onion, red pepper and garlic. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until onion is softened (5 to 6 minutes). Stir in flour, continue cooking 1 minute. Add broth and whipping cream. Continue cooking, stirring with wire whisk, until mixture is thickened (2 to 3 minutes).

Remove from heat. Stir in cheese, yogurt, spinach, and hot pepper sauce. Season with salt and pepper to taste.



**FCC LICENSE INFO
SERVICE**

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscomm@fcc.gov.

Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245